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Governor Beshear announces funding for Depot Street project in Winchester

Project will 'enhance quality of life' for community

FRANKFORT, Ky. — Gov. Steve Beshear today announced that a \$909,000 grant has been approved to help restore historic Depot Street in downtown Winchester. The grant will support restoration of the cobblestone street, improved drainage and installation of new lighting, benching and landscaping.

"This represents an investment that will preserve history and enhance the quality of life in beautiful Clark County," Gov. Beshear said. "My administration is honored to support this community in its effort to provide an aesthetically pleasing environment for its citizens, while preserving a very important piece of its heritage."

The funding is part of the federal Transportation Enhancement (TE) program and will restore the original location of the 1905 C&O Railroad Depot and the only remaining cobblestone street in Winchester. The site will be the permanent home for the Winchester Farmers Market and will serve as a staging area for outdoor concerts and other community events. Additional work by the city of Winchester includes new fencing and handicap accessible sidewalks in the area.

The TE program offers federal funding for unique and creative projects that integrate transportation into a community in an environmentally friendly way. Examples range from the restoration of historic transportation facilities, bike and pedestrian facilities, landscaping and scenic beautification, and the mitigation of water pollution from highway runoff. The Transportation Cabinet has awarded nearly \$26 million in TE funds since June 2006.

"The citizens of Winchester can be proud of their community, and our cabinet is honored to be able to support their efforts," said Transportation Secretary Joe Prather.